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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Currently Amended) An optoelectronic component with comprising:

 a semiconductor device chip (2) which chip has comprising at least one radiation-sensitive

 zone (7, 8, 9) for detection of configured to detect electromagnetic radiation; (17), and with

 an optical element for focusing configured to focus the electromagnetic radiation (17) in the

 at least one radiation-sensitive zone(s) (7, 8, 9) zone; characterized in that the optical element [[is]]

 comprising a diffractive element (1) which has having structures (14, 15) which are with sizes on

 the an order of magnitude of [[the]] a wavelength of the electromagnetic radiation-(17).
- 2. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to of claim 1, [[;]] wherein characterized in that the diffractive element (1) is comprises a zone plate.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to of claim 1, wherein or 2; characterized in that the diffractive element (1) is incorporated in the semiconductor chip (2) device.

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4. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to one of elaims 1-3; claim 1, wherein the at least one radiation-sensitive zone is configured to detect electromagnetic radiation characterized in that the radiation (17) which is to be detected has having a wavelength between about 100 nm and about 5 micron.

- 5. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to of claim 4, [[;]] wherein the at least one radiation-sensitive zone is configured to detect electromagnetic radiation characterized in that the radiation (17) which is to be detected is in the visible spectral region having a wavelength from about of e. 400 nm to about [[-]] 800 nm.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to one of the preceding claims; of claim 1, characterized in that the wherein a distance between the diffractive element (1) and [[a]] the at least one radiation-sensitive zone (7, 8, 9) is less than about 20 micron.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to one of claims 2-6; of claim 2, characterized in that wherein:

the radiation-sensitive zone is configured to detect radiation with a wavelength lambda (λ); and is detected in a radiation-sensitive zone (7, 8, 9)

the zone plate is at a distance R from the zone plate (1) radiation-sensitive zone and has a which zone plate has diameter D, wherein wherewith for [[the]] a Fresnel number F of the zone plate: (1) the following applies $F = \left(\frac{D^2}{\lambda R}\right) > 1$.

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8. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to one of elaims 2-7; of claim 7, characterized in that the wherein a the focal length of the zone plate (1) for radiation with wavelength of about 550 nm is in the range from about 1 micron to about [[-]] 20 microns.

- 9. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to one of the preceding claims; of claim 1, characterized in that the semiconductor chip (2) has wherein the at least one radiation-sensitive zone comprises a plurality of radiation-sensitive zones at varying distances from the optical element such that (7, 8, 9), wherewith the radiation-sensitive zones for configured to detect shorter wavelengths of the electromagnetic radiation are disposed behind at greater distances from the optical element compared to (downstream of) the radiation-sensitive zones configured to detect for longer wavelengths of the electromagnetic radiation. reckoned in the direction of the incident radiation (17).
- 10. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to of claim 9, characterized in that wherein the radiation-sensitive zones (7, 8, 9) are disposed in respective corresponding focal planes (11, 12, 13) of the diffractive element (1) for respective corresponding colors.

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(Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to of claim 11. 10, [[;]] characterized in that wherein the semiconductor chip (2) contains at least on radiation sensitive zone comprises:

a first radiation-sensitive zone three radiation-sensitive zones (7, 8, 9) disposed in respective a focal planes (11, 12, 13) plane of the diffractive element (1) for respective primary colors (for wavelengths associated with red visible light;

a second radiation-sensitive zone in a focal plane of the diffractive element for wavelengths associated with green visible light; and

a third radiation-sensitive zone in a focal plane of the diffractive element for wavelengths associated with blue visible light.).

- 12. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to one of the preceding claims; of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the diffractive element (1) is produced by structuring of a layer which layer is applied to the semiconductor chip (2) or which comprises a layer is contained included in the semiconductor chip (2) device.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to of claim 12, [[;]] characterized in that wherein the structured layer [[is]] comprises a metallic layer.
- (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to one of 14. claims 2-13; of claim 2, characterized in that wherein the zone plate (1) is in the form of a phase

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zone plate comprised of comprises a first two transparent material having an materials (14, 15) with different indices index of refraction (n_1) and a second transparent material having an index of refraction (n_2) , n_1 being different than n_2 .

- 15. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to of claim 14, [[;]] characterized in that wherein the first transparent material comprises one of the two materials is a silicon oxide and the second transparent material other material [[is]] comprises a silicon nitride.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The A method of fabricating an optoelectronic component according to one or more of the preceding claims; of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the diffractive optical element comprises a structured layer included (1) is produced by structuring of a layer which layer is applied to the semiconductor chip (2) or which layer is contained in the semiconductor chip (2) device.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The [[An]] optoelectronic component according to of claim 16, [[;]] characterized in that wherein the semiconductor device chip (2) contains comprises an integrated circuit.
 - 18. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

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using Use of a zone plate to focus (1) for focusing and/or for wavelength selection of electromagnetic radiation (17) in (into) into one or more radiation-sensitive zones (7, 8, 9) of a radiation-detecting semiconductor chip (2) device.

(New) The method of claim 18, wherein using the zone plate to focus 19. electromagnetic radiation into one or more radiation-sensitive zones comprises:

using the zone plate to focus electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths associated with red visible light into a first radiation-sensitive zone;

using the zone plate to focus electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths associated with green visible light into a second radiation-sensitive zone;

using the zone plate to focus electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths associated with blue visible light into a third radiation-sensitive zone.

20. (New) The optoelectronic component of claim 1, wherein the semiconductor device comprises a semiconductor chip.